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SUBJECT: CANADA EXTENDS ICCS PARTICIPATION FOR 60 DAYS

1. EXTAFF MIN SHARP ANNOUNCED TO PARLIAMENT MAR 27 THAT GOC HAS DECIDED TO EXTEND ITS PARTICIPATION IN ICCS FOR 60 DAYS. AT THAT TIME GOC WILL REVIEW SITUATION AGAIN AND DECIDE WHETHER TO SERVE NOTICE OF WITHDRAWAL FROM ICCS IN 30 DAYS, OR TO EXTEND CANADIAN PARTICIPATION. UNLESS BY THAT TIME THERE HAS BEEN SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT IN SITUATION OR DISTINCT PROGRESS TOWARD POLITICAL SETTLEMENT, CANADA WILL SERVE NOTICE AND WITHDRAW. WHETHER OR NOT GOC IS PARTICIPATING IN ICCS AT THE TIME, CANADA WILL BE WILLING TO SUPERVISE VIETNAM ELECTION ACCORDING TO PARIS AGREEMENT.

2. SHARP'S EXACT WORDS ON ABOVE OPERATIVE PART OF GOC DECISION ARE QUOTED BELOW. FULL TEXT OF HIS STATE-
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MENT FOLLOWS SEPTEL.

BEGIN QUOTE. GOVERNMENT PROPOSES TO INFORM THE PARTIES TO THE AGREEMENT THAT CANADA WOULD BE PREPARED TO CONTINUE TO SERVE ON THE SAME BASIS AS IT DOES NOW FOR A FURTHER PERIOD OF ABOUT SIXTY DAYS, THAT IS UNTIL MAY 31, AFTER WHICH, UNLESS THERE HAS BEEN SOME SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT OR DISTINCT PROGRESS HAS BEEN MADE TOWARD A POLITICAL SETTLEMENT, IT WILL WITHDRAW, GIVING A FURTHER THIRTY- DAY GRACE PERIOD FOR THE PARTIES TO FIND A SUCCESSOR. THIS MEANS THAT CANADA, UNLESS THERE IS A SUBSTANTIAL IMPROVEMENT IN THE SITUATION OR SOME SIGNS OF AN IMMINENT POLITICAL AGREEMENT, WILL CEASE TO PARTICIPATE IN THE ICCS BY JUNE 30, 1973... SO FAR AS CANADA IS CONCERNED, REGARDLESS OF OUR STATUS IN RESPECT OF OTHER ASPECTS OF THE AGREEMENT, WE WOULD REMAIN READY AND AVAILABLE TO SERVE, AS THE PARTIES MAY WISH, IN HELPING TO SUPERVISE AN ELECTION PROVIDED IT WAS CALLED UNDER THE PROVISIONS OF THE AGREEMENT. IT WOULD NOT APPLY TO AN ELECTION CALLED IN OTHER CIRCUMSTANCES. END QUOTE
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